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In Re Application of:

Mueller *et al.*

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For: **BULK ACCESS SYSTEM FOR A
DATA STORAGE SYSTEM**

Confirmation No.: 1563

Group Art Unit: 3637

Examiner: Wilkens, Janet Marie

Docket No. 10013088-1

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

In regard to the above-referenced application, Applicants submit the following preliminary amendment to be entered and considered prior to continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 08-2025.

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